

As you may remember, a few weeks ago I sent a letter to OMB asking for a review of an unfair and costly mandatory train whistle rule. Today we discovered the Federal Railroad Administration's final rule on mandatory train whistles will exempt the Chicago area. FRA officials admit their Illinois data is badly out of date and will launch a new analysis. I applaud the FRA for listening to the people of Illinois. While we must continue to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians at rail crossings, we must also preserve the quality of life for residents who live near crossings. I will continue to work with the communities I represent to make sure their quiet zones stay intact.